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FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS

MADISON HEIGHTS

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What are Madison Heights and Lifelines?

Madison Heights and *Lifelines* are research-based Family Literacy programs designed to extend the learning experience beyond the classroom. Both programs use videos depicting real-life situations along with print materials to provide effective, motivational learning experiences for adults who need not leave their homes to participate. Adults work on their own academic needs while they learn to provide activities that enrich the literacy development of their children.

What skills can adults learn with the help of Madison Heights and Lifelines?

The programs are designed to help adult learners

- Improve their ability to read with understanding, convey ideas, listen and observe critically, and communicate clearly
- Develop skills to make decisions, resolve conflicts, and plan
- Build their self esteem and their ability to advocate for and guide others within the family unit
- Gain insight into child growth and development, maintain supportive family relationships, and become partners in the education of their children
- Interact with their children and provide age-appropriate activities that will help them achieve success in school and other life experiences
- Manage family resources, provide for safety and physical needs, and balance priorities.

Are there any options for families who may be unable to attend classes?

The *Madison Heights* and *Lifelines* programs are ideal for busy adults who find it difficult to attend classes. The materials are designed for independent use by the learners, and the instructors have created opportunities for the learners to get individual feedback or meet with a group of other learners.

Can this program help adults who need to earn a high school diploma?

The *Madison Heights* and *Lifelines* materials integrate the basic academic skills needed to succeed in a General Educational Development (GED) program or the Maryland Adult External High School Diploma Program (EDP) with problem-solving and planning skills. Instructors in the programs are trained to provide assistance to adults who want to earn a high school diploma.

Where are Madison Heights and Lifelines programs offered in Maryland?

Programs are located in several of the Adult Education programs around the state, including the following:

- Community College of Baltimore County Adult Education Program
- Carroll County Public Schools Adult Education Program
- Charles County Public Schools Adult Education Program
- Howard Community College Adult Education Program
- St. Mary's County Public Schools Adult Education Program
- Maryland Correctional Education Program.

How can I get more information about Family Literacy or the location of programs?

To learn more about *Madison Heights* and *Lifelines*, contact
Family Literacy Specialist
Adult Education and Literacy Services Branch
Maryland State Department of Education
200 West Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
410-767-0162

or call 1-800-358-3010